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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support

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The State of Missouri continues coordination with federal, state, local and non-profit agencies to provide support to relief efforts for people in areas adversely impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

The following actions have been taken by state agencies on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims over the last 12 hours:

- Governor Blunt also has requested the President of the United States to declare an emergency for the State of Missouri as a result of the FEMA request to assist in the relocation of disaster victims from those states impacted by Hurricane Katrina to Missouri. 44 CFR 206.35.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) directed a hold in movement of City of New Orleans evacuations for 24 hours. We are currently attempting to find out if the "hold" is still in place.
- SEMA has not received any information as to when temporarily displaced individuals will be arriving in Missouri. Nor the numbers involved.
- St. Louis County is establishing a Regional Assistance Center. Various county offices are involved in the establishment of the center as well as the American Red Cross and Salvation Army.
- Requests for local and county law enforcement for Louisiana Sheriff Task Force and the requests for firefighters has currently been filled for EMAC requests.
- SEMA is participating in daily conference calls with other state emergency management agencies within Region VII and a daily conference call with the Kansas City Urban Area Working Group.

Donations management

The EOC has been receiving and recording calls (approximately 550) offering donation of goods and services since Tuesday Sept. 2nd. Those calls that could be diverted to specific registration lines, such as medical personnel, were referred. In all other cases the individuals were told that they would receive a call back regarding the disposition of their offer.

On September 5, 2005, we received the toll free numbers for the Donations Call Centers in Mississippi and Alabama (Louisiana does not yet have a number available). Each of those centers was contacted, a brief description of the types of services and equipment was given, and an offer was made to fax the entire list to each center. In both cases, the centers welcomed the list and faxes were sent to each.

Those answering phones in the EOC were given a list of referral numbers for FEMA, DHS, and the Mississippi and Alabama donations call centers. Those persons who called prior to today will each receive a return call on behalf of SEMA thanking them once again for their donation and explaining that their offer has been forwarded directly to two of the affected states. They will be informed that if/when their service/equipment is needed they will be contacted directly by one of the affected states. We are currently exploring the possibility of using the Vitae Caring Foundation to assist in making these calls. Initial contacts with the Foundation were extremely enthusiastic, however we are waiting approval from the Foundation's leadership.

Additionally, the resource list has been emailed to the EMAC center in New Mexico per the request of the National Governor's Association.

St Louis Reception & Care Facility

At 08:00 A.M., today, a briefing was conducted by Gary Christman, City of St. Louis. The briefing was for all agencies and volunteer representatives to discuss progress and last minute details that need to be addressed before the reception & care center is fully functional. The City officials and volunteer organizations have done an excellent job of establishing the area as a reception and care facility.

We are still in a holding pattern at this time, and do not have a definite arrival time for temporarily displaced persons. A contractor was hired and is now in the process of building shower facilities. Laundry service is being donated by SSM Health Care to launder the towels from showers. There was some discussion about giving evacuees a suitcase or something similar to hold their personnel belongings, and personal hygiene products.

Mr. Christman reiterated that NIMS, Incident Command System procedures are being drawn up and asked each agency to give him a list of personnel and the chain of command within their area. The reception & care will be broken down into three areas, 1)

Command & Control, 2) Medical, & 3) Dormitories. The plan is to issue color coded security badges today to emergency workers indicating each area they are authorized to access. Access for evacuees and workers will be restricted to their assigned area. The security is being handled by the Lambert International Airport Police. Photo I.D.s are being made for permanent workers. Temporary I.D.'s will be given to temporary workers.

A centralized admin area is being developed for shelter workers that will give us access to a fax, e-mail access, & copy machines.

The medical doctor in charge of medical care for evacuees stated that, as of this morning, four medical tents are ready to go (set up by Doctors & nurses). They worked through the process flow and have it worked out how they will process people through. They will be providing a psychiatrist, and Department of Mental Health will be providing other support services. They are requesting a full-time safety officer assigned to their area. They also requested their radio frequencies be set-up for on-site radio communications, as well as a bar-code system to process medical and social services information. They also said they have five wheelchairs, but still need at least five more.

A snack area is being developed for emergency workers & volunteers. There was also some discussion as to volunteers manning the office supply area, and for cleaning & picking up trash in and around the facility. It was suggested that a full-time cleaning company be hired to keep bathrooms sanitary and clean at all times. A play area is being set-up for the children coming into the facility. A chapel area will also be set-up and staffed by the ministerial alliance.

The United Way is donating 60 cell phones to be used by volunteers coming into the shelter to work. They are also setting up an information area & lost & found area.

SEMA reported that we are trying to run-down and dispel rumors, and are still waiting to hear from FEMA regarding federal disaster declarations.

FEMA liaison, Ruth Cheshire, reported that FEMA is attempting to coordinate assistance from the Social Security Administration to be present at the Shelter. She also stated that FEMA is having meetings today and she hopes to hear some news soon regarding disaster declarations and incoming evacuees.

Department of Social Services has arranged for pastoral services, along with one mental health professional to be on site, along with two social services personnel. Social Services is trying to anticipate the needs of the incoming people to deal with problems they may have. They will also have two individuals to deal with domestic violence issues. Social Services also brought up the fact that most of the incoming people have not been receiving child support payment checks and social security checks and would there be a way to assist the disaster victims their mail from their home area.

A Joint Public Information Center (JPIC) is being set-up and all media contact is to be handled through the JPIC. No other information regarding the operations of the facility is to be disseminated, except through the JPIC. There will be two press conferences held

Department of Health and Senior Services Operation Show-Me Care Update

DHSS Situation Room

- DSR activated
 - Nancy Bush is Commander
 - Aaron Winslow is Co-Commander

Boeing Site prepared for reception of displaced persons

- DHSS staff in St Louis (onsite)
 - Julie Eckstein (Director), Bruce Clements (CERT Director), Mark Buxton, Martha Shea, and Brian Quinn (PIO)
 - Angela Ford is in Jefferson City until 4:00 p.m., Sept. 6, 2005, at which time she will be returning to the St. Louis Site.
- Medical Supplies
 - Cribs will be delivered this a.m. to the St. Louis site.
- Immunizations
 - DHSS is working with Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) to ensure that CDC's recommendations are followed for immunizing volunteers and displaced persons coming into the area.

Volunteer Medical Personnel

- BJC is coordinating physicians, physician assistants and nurses to assess displaced persons coming into the St Louis site.
- Department of Mental Health is arranging for psychiatrist to be at the St. Louis site.
- According to Board of Nursing, attorneys have interpreted the Executive Order 26 and 27 as follows:
 - Executive Order 26 – If the license professional is from one of the state involved with the hurricane and they are only caring for patients from that area they will not need a license.
 - Executive Order 27 – Their interpretation is if license professional coming from any other state may provide services for the displaced persons but will need a temporary license. License professionals coming into the state to provide care under either of these executive orders may not provide health care to Missouri citizens.
 - The boards are requesting our help in determining if the health care professionals want to function under Executive Order 26 or 27.

Medical Supplies

- DHSS is working with Cardinal Health and BJC for medical supplies including gloves, tempa dots, pillows, Pedialyte, etc. Waiting for order from BJC before order can be placed.

EMSystem Report

- HHS has requested the EMSystem to implement a nationwide communication system with hospitals to obtain bed capacity, surveillance, etc.

Other Shelters/Reception Centers

- Kansas City has opened a reception center and is expecting 500 evacuees; public health nurses are on call.
 - There have been no updates on the Kansas City Center.
- Springfield is opening a service center; hundreds have already arrived and more to come.
 - DHSS Staff is trying to confirm rumors that 15,000 displaced persons will be coming into the Springfield area. This was a news report on the Springfield media this morning.
- Dunklin County Health Department has reported seeing over 100 individuals.

Mental Health

- The Department of Mental Health is coordinating with Renee Ludwigs, who is on site (St Louis), and coordinating with the Behavioral Health Response Agency. There are 40 licensed mental health professionals that are ready to be activated.
- Other options are being explored to include para-professionals, ministers and chaplains.
- DMH is also working through NOVA (National Organization for Victims Assistance) to provide additional support.
- DMH is working with DHSS to include mental health questions to the web-based questionnaire.

Long-term Care

- DHSS getting offers for beds and licensed facilities for residential care and skilled beds. Community services employees are assisting in evaluating the displaced person to identify if they need skilled care or residential care as they come into St. Louis
- DHSS offers of assistance from ambulance services.